



Australian Government  
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## Reminder on child absences

[We remind you that Child Care Subsidy \(CCS\) isn't paid until a child physically attends a session of care. It also isn't paid after their last day of physical attendance.](#)

This means you won't receive any CCS if you submit an absence before a child's first, or after their last, physical attendance.

There are exceptions in limited circumstances. You may receive CCS for absences up to 7 days before a child's first, or after a child's last, physical attendance if any of the following apply:

- any of the [additional absence reasons](#)
- the child, the individual who cares for the child, the individual's partner or another person with who the child lives is ill (no medical certificate required if the child has not used 42 absence days)
- the service has changed ownership
- the usual service is closed and the child is attending a different service under the same provider
- a family tragedy has occurred, or
- the enrolment ceased incorrectly.

If you record absences after a child's last physical attendance and the enrolment subsequently ends, you or the family may incur a debt.

Please ensure families know how to end their enrolment if they wish. This ensures families can retain their absences.

[Learn more about reporting absences in the Child Care Provider Handbook](#)

## Be You Virtual Conference

### Wellbeing: You, Me, Us

Be You is holding a free virtual conference for early childhood educators on how learning communities can work together to support each other's mental health.

The conference will cover:

- recognising, reflecting on and responding to grief and loss in a school community
- acknowledging and encouraging diversity in your learning community
- inclusive practices for mentally healthy communities, and much more.

### When is it?

The conference will take place online over two days:

- 11am to 2pm AEDT Wednesday 24 March
- 2pm to 5pm AEDT Thursday 25 March.

### How to attend

1. [Register to attend](#) to receive conference link.
2. Browse the Virtual Conference program and choose your sessions. You don't have to attend the whole conference – pick and choose the sessions you need.
3. Can't make a session? When you register, recordings are shared with you post-event.

For more information, visit the [BeYou – Wellbeing: You, Me, Us webpage](#).

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